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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS: OFFICIAL SUMMARY 7/16/76

TRANSMITTED BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE OFFICIAL SUMMARY

RECORD FOR THE NEGOTIATING SESSION JULY 16, 1976;

QUOTE: THE PLENARY SESSION RECONVENED AT 9:45 A.M. AFTER THREE DAYS DURING WHICH THE TWO PANELS MET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ NOTED THAT AFTER A MONTH OF NEGOTIATIONS, THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN FAIRLY COMPREHENSIVE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON THE DRAFT PROPOSALS OF BOTH PANELS, AS WELL AS SOME EXCHANGES OF COUNTER DRAFTS. HE PROPOSED THAT JOINT REPORTS BE NOW SUBMITTED TO THE TWO PANELS BY THE LEADERS OF THE DIFFERENT WORKING GROUPS SUMMARIZING THE AREAS OF AGREEMENT AND DIFFERENCE. HE

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EXPLAINED THAT THESE REPORTS SHOULD CONTAIN THE SUBSTAN-

TIVE MATTERS WHICH HAVE SO FAR BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE WORKING GROUPS.

"AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN REPLIED THAT IN PRINCIPLE SUCH REPORTS WOULD BE USEFUL. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE SOME ISSUES STILL UNDISCUSSED WHICH MIGHT BE ADDRESSED BEFORE THE JOINT REPORTS WERE DONE. HE INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER THE JOINT REPORTS WOULD SIMPLY BE LISTINGS, OR TESTS, WITH DISAGREEMENTS BRACKETED, FOR THE USE OF THE PANELS IN PLENARY.

"AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ REPLIED THAT THE JOINT REPORTS WOULD BE LISTINGS OF AGREEMENTS AND DIFFERENCES AND WOULD BE IN ESSENCE IN THE FORM OF A SUMMARY AUDIT REPORT OF AGREEMENTS/DISAGREEMENTS AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JULY 15.

"AFTER A BRIEF RECESS TO ALLOW THE AMERICAN TEAM TO CONSULT, AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN AGREED THAT THE WORKING GROUPS SHOULD RENDER THE SUMMARY REPORT ABOVE INDICATED WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT THE REPORT WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL. IT WAS AGREED THAT IN AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT, EACH SIDE WOULD LAY OUT ITS RESPECTIVE POSITION.

"AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ AGREED WITH THE TERMS OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE JOINT REPORTS AND THE FORMAT OF THE SAME.

"AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ EXPRESSED THE DESIRE FOR AN EARLY REPLY TO THE LETTER DATED JUNE 21, 1976 OF THE PHILIPPINE PANEL WHICH WAS ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN, REQUESTING ANSWERS TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

"IN RESPONSE, AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN STATED THAT THE REPLY TO THE QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN THE JUNE 21 LETTER WAS RECEIVING ATTENTION IN WASHINGTON, AND HOPEFULLY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY.

"AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ NOTED THAT AN INCREASING NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WAS BEING MADE AMONG THE PHILIPPINE PUBLIC

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AS TO THE STATUS OF THE TALKS, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE CHAIRMEN CONSIDER ISSUING JOINT STATEMENTS AT REGULAR (BUT UNDEFINED) INTERVALS ON THE SUBSTANCE AND DIRECTION OF THE TALKS AS MAY BE DEEMED PROPER FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION.

"NOTING HIS CAUTION ABOUT TRYING TO DEAL WITH COMPLEX ISSUES IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT, AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN AGREED TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL AND RESPOND TO IT SHORTLY.

"THE PANELS AGREED THAT, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE WORKING GROUP LEADERS, THE LATEST AGREEMENTS, IF ANY, BE CONSIDERED AND INCLUDED IN THE JOINT REPORTS. AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ STATED THAT HE BELIEVED THE AREAS OF DIS-AGREEMENT AFTER JULY 15 SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE JOINT REPORTS.

"THE PLENARY ADJOURNED AT 10:20 A.M. TO RECONVENE ON JULY 20. WORKING GROUPS MET IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER FOR PURPOSES OF THE JOINT REPORTS MENTIONED ABOVE. END QUOTE.
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